

HUDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hudson School Board Meeting April 15, 2009 Approved Minutes

Present: Mr. Gary Rodgers, Chairman
Mr. Lee Lavoie, Vice Chairman
Mr. Richard Nolan
Mrs. Laura Bisson
Mrs. Patty Langlais
Mr. Philip D. Bell, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Mary Ellen Ormond, Asst. Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Irene Sousa, Director of Special Services
Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator

A. **Call to Order:** Mr. Gary Rodgers, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm

B. **Kindergarten Discussion and Decisions:**

Superintendent, Randy Bell, highlighted the important deliberations for Board consideration so that the process of implementing kindergarten would be on track for the fall. The Superintendent focused his comments on maintaining class size in current classes and if this were deemed the priority for the Board, then the district would need additional portable classrooms to house the anticipated 177 to 200 students. Superintendent Bell explained that doublewide portables would be added to both Nottingham West and Hills Garrison and possibly Library Street, - which would prevent increasing class size. Mr. Nolan asked if stimulus funding could be used to fund kindergarten teachers. Superintendent Bell indicated that regulations controlling those funds had yet to be released but thought that the district should examine and follow through on that possibility.

Motion made by Mr. Nolan and seconded by Mr. Lavoie to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the appropriate number of 1000 square foot portables with bathrooms to accommodate the enrollment of kindergarten through 2010. Motion passes 5-0.

Motion made by Mr. Nolan and seconded by Mrs. Langlais to provide a paraprofessional in kindergarten classes that exceed 15 students with Title I funding as appropriate. Motion passes 5-0.

C. **Kindergarten Admission Policy:** On the second reading of the policy, Superintendent Bell explained that this policy mirrors the current district's policy

on admission into first grade. The board will make a decision during new business. *Motion made by Mr. Nolan and second by Mr. Lavoie to approve the Kindergarten Admission Policy 4.2(f) that states that a student must turn five on or before September 30 for enrollment into kindergarten. This is a no exception policy. Motion passes 5-0.*

- D. Impact Fees:** Mr. Normand Sanborn, Business Administrator, shared a memo with the Board that he was sending to the Planning Board for the release of impact fees. He explained if the district did not get the desired interest rate the part of the impact fees the district has a reasonable plan on how to use the impact fees. Mr. Sanborn indicated that if the School Board does not refund the bonds, it is the intent of the Board to request \$230,669, to be released during FY 2009. This amount represents the impact fees collected more than six years ago. The funds will be used to offset the payment for current bonds. The Board will request the remainder of the impact fees after July 2010, with the intent to retire current bonds in October 2010.
- E. Non - Public:** The Superintendent recommended a motion to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3 II, subparagraph (a) and (c). *Motion to enter non-public by Mr. Nolan, and second by Ms. Bisson. Roll call vote: Mr. Nolan, yes; Mr. Lavoie, no; Mr. Rodgers, yes; Ms. Bisson, yes; and Mrs. Langlais, yes. School Board entered non-public session at 6:15.*
- F. Adjourn:** *Motion made by Mr. Nolan and second by Mr. Lavoie to adjourn at 6:45. Motion passed 5-0*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Ormond
Assistant Superintendent of Schools